other a period of six yean. The implement tation of the project, which coven (he whole State, will increase the ansa cov-and under (he afforestation and tree planting activities in Andhra Pradsah including the Eastern Ghat region.

Banana) of Tanfter from East and Weft Gedavari district doe to fleed Is Geda-veri Rivers

1101. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO. Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is • fact that during Godavari flood large quantities of valuable timber are removed from forest ranges in East Godavari and West Godavari Districts of Andhra Pradeab;

(h) whether Central Government have assured the State Government of additional manpower to man the various check-po«*S and

(e) whether Government propose to end observers to the particular area to augment and advise the State Government to check depletion of valuable forest res-eurces with detail* thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Sometimes daring heavy floods treei standing along the banks of Godavari river are uprooted, which are salvaged by the State Forest Department as drift weeo.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

Obtaining of Ozone Fund

1102. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA SWAMY: Will the Minister of ENVI RONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state s

(a) whether it is s fact that India has been active in the formation of the Ozone Fundi

(b) whether India has obtained any fande from the said Oaon, Fund;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(a) whether it is a fact that commer cial interests are preventing release of funds to develop technology to preserve Ozone layer; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Although India acceded to the Montreal Protocol, alongwith its London Amendments on June 19, 1992, it has played an important rote since beginning in the negotiations leading to the Montreal Protocol, including formulation of the Ozone Fund.

(b) and (c) So far 228 projects for an amount of US Dollars 9.4 million have
been approved for India by the Ozone Fund. The details of projects approved are given in Annexure [See Appendix 171, Annexure No. 23]

(d) and (e) The guidelines for transfer of financial resouces and transfer of technology to developing countries are decided by the Conference of the Parties
to the Montreal Protocol. The Executive Committee, which consists of equal number of representatives from develop ed countries, administers the Multilate ral Fund and ensures implementing of these guidlines. The Executive Commit
tee considers issues within the Protocol
and guidelines given by the Parties. All members of the Executive Committee are expected to take a stand for release of funds and transfer of technology to developing countries on objective con siderations.

Tnstallation of Pollution monitoring Devices in Towns

1103. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY; WiU the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to help the finance State Governments to instil and operate pollution monitoring device* in small and medium sized towns;